Transport Service between Quilon and Kottarakara.

266 **MR. P. S. MUHAMED:** Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing:

(*a*) the number of buses that were displaced by the introduction of Transport bus service between Quilon and Kottarakara;

(*b*) the number of the displaced bus-owners and their names who have applied for permission to run the above displaced buses in other routes;

(*c*) the names of routes that they sought for using the displaced buses; and

(*d*) the number of buses that are still lying in sheds without securing permission?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA KHAN BAHADUR G. S. ABDUL KARIM SAHIB SUHRAWARDY: (*a*) Only one bus was displaced by the introduction of the Transport Service from the Quilon-Kottarakara route, although the road between Quilon and Kottarakara forms a part of the Quilon Punalur, Quilon-Shencotta, Quilon-Kanni and Quilon-Kulathupuzha routes.

(*b*) Only one. Mr. A. Abdul Rahiman.

(*c*) Kayamkulam-Kulathupuzha and Shencotta-Samburvadakara routes.

(*d*) Not known.

Patients treated in the Vaidyasalas of Travancore.

267 * **SRIMATI T. NARAYANI AMMA** (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the circumstances under which there has been a fall from 554,693 in 1115 to 536,339 in 1116, in the total number of patients treated in the Vaidyasalas of Travancore;

(*b*) the number of applications received during 1116 from qualified Vaidyans for grant-in-aid;

(*c*) the number of women among such applicants; and

(*d*) how the applications were disposed of?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: (*a*) In 1115 there were 169 grant-in-aid Vaidyasalas functioning in the various parts of the State. In 1116 the number fell to 168, due to the conversion of the Marma Vaidyasala at Kattathura into a hospital. Of the 168 institutions, 4 were not functioning during the year as the Vaidyans concerned either died or the grant awarded to them was withdrawn. This accounts for a fall in the total number of patients treated in the grant-in-aid Vaidyasalas during 1116.

(*b*) Almost all the recognised Vaidyans numbering about 150 besides several others were applicants for grant-in-aid in 1116.

(*c*) There were 4 women among the recognised Vaidyans in 1116 and all of them were applicants for grant-in-aid in that year.

(*d*) No grant was awarded to any one of the applicants in 1116

SRIMATI T. NARAYANI AMMA: In answer to part (*d*) may I know why no grant was awarded to any of the applicants in 1116?

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MR. C. KUMARA DAS: The question of awarding grants to grant-in-aid Vydiasalas is under the consideration of Government. No fresh grant was allotted in the bgdget for 1116.

MR. N. NARAYANA KURUP: May I know whether any grant was made in 1116 to any of the applicant?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: No, Sir.

Valiyachira Paddy fields in Mavelikara.

268. ❋ MR. P. NARAYANA PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state whether any representation has been made for removing the silt in the channel connecting the Valiachira paddy fields with the Vettikottu Punja in Chunakara pakuthi, Mavelikara taluk?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: Yes.

Roads in the Mavelikara taluk.

269. ❋ MR. P. NARAYANA PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the roads in the Mavelikara taluk are maintained properly; and

(*b*) whether any amount has been allotted for the same during the years 1116 and 1117?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

MR. P. NARAYANA PILLAI: May I know whether the member is aware that several roads in that taluk are not in good condition?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: They are maintained in as good a condition as possible with the available maintenance grant.

Bathirakali Falls.

270 ❋MR. C. JEBAMONY NADAR: Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have investigated the possibilities of developing electric power from the water falls at "Bathirakali Kayam" in Arumana pakuthi, Vilavankod taluk on the Kuzhithura river?

MR. K. P. PADMANABHA MENON: No.

MR. C. JEBAMONY NADAR; இந்த அருவியிலிருந்து எலக்டிரிக் கரண்ட் எடுக்க முடியுமா என்று தயவுசெய்து மொம்பர் சொல்லலாமா?

MR. K. P. PADMANABHA MENON: As I have said already no detailed investigations have been carried out. But based on the information available from a preliminary study of the locality, it would appear that the scheme may not be profitable.

Rice imported into Travancore.

271 ❋MR. P. S. MUHAMED: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the places from which rice is imported into Travancore;

(*b*) whether they have made any enquiry regarding the price of rice per sack in these places; and

(*c*) whether they have made any arrangement for wagons for conveying this rice to Travancore?

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